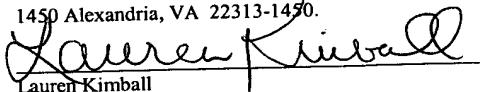


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For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PACKAGING IMAGE SENSING SEMICONDUCTOR CHIPS**

Assigned to: National Semiconductor Corporation

Application Elements:

- 13 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 5 Sheets of formal Drawings
- Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
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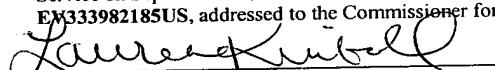
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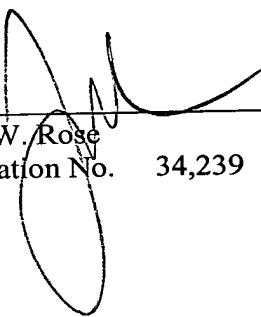
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